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‘Any Employer Can’

Berkeley Council Passes Benefits Policy

By Sue Hyde

BERKELEY, CA — The city council here approved on December 4 a policy which defines partners of unmarried city workers, gay or straight, as eligible to receive health insurance benefits. The council's unanimous approval of the domestic partners policy capped a five-and-a-half-year effort by gay and lesbian activists in the city.

“We are elated and proud,” said Tom Brougham, the political action chair of the East Bay Lesbian Gay Democratic Club. Brougham, in particular, has ample reason to be happy about the council's action. In 1979, he petitioned the city to extend benefits to his lover and initiated the long process that led to the council's adoption of the policy.

Health care providers have one

year to comply with the domestic partners policy, and Brougham has already met once with an official of the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan. Kaiser provides insurance to one out of four people in the Bay Area and is the carrier for 657 employees of the city of Berkeley. The remaining 500 or so city workers divide their coverage among two smaller companies and a plan administered by the city.

Under the new benefit policy, the two partners must reside together and share the common necessities of life; they may not be related by blood closer than would bar marriage; and they must declare that they are each other's sole domestic partner and that they are responsible for their common welfare. Both persons must file an “Affidavit of Domestic

Partnership” which attests to the aforementioned conditions with a yet-to-be-determined city department.

The city must be notified if a relationship is terminated, which is accomplished by filing a statement to that effect and mailing a copy of the statement to the other partner. In the event of termination, no other affidavit of partnership may be filed until six months after the termination statement has been received by the city.

It is this documentation process which caused San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein to veto a similar measure authored by Supervisor Harry Britt in 1982. She likewise rejected a second domestic partners proposal and recommended by a task force she appointed to study the matter. The

city's Catholic archbishop, John Quinn, pressured Feinstein to scuttle domestic partner legislation because it would legitimize gay and lesbian relationships.

But, it is the nuts and bolts of documentation that worry officials at Kaiser. Robert Hughes, a spokesman for the company, said, “We've got some concerns regarding safeguards against abuse by people who fraudulently add people who need medical care.” Hughes said that Robert Zimmerman, Kaiser's manager of contract administration, has been “encouraged that the city seriously addressed” the issue of documentation, as well as provided the option to file civil actions against persons suspected of defrauding insurance companies.

Hughes said he could not give any statistics on the frequency of abuse of Kaiser health plans by heterosexual, married people, but noted that “any system can be abused.”

Hughes said the Kaiser management believes recognition of non-traditional relationships and living situations is a “societal issue that is only going to grow. Census data shows that the conventional nuclear family is not necessarily the most prevalent form of living arrangement in the '80s and won't be in the foreseeable future. We'll have to adapt to the situation.”

To that end, Brougham will begin a series of meetings with Kaiser and with the city to iron out

the details of implementation. Brougham told GCN that, even for the city-subsidized benefit plan, “It will be some time before the [domestic partner] affidavits are prepared.” He said he is glad to begin the negotiations process which will result in compliance by the carriers.

Brougham told GCN that estimates of cost to the city range from \$25,000-\$40,000 per year, based on a utilization rate of 30 workers. He speculated that there will be low utilization at first. “Some will hold back confused by the situation and by homophobia. People who use it at first will be fairly ‘out’ people.”

Brougham believes the fact that the city council acted in the capacity of “employer” and not “government” will have a positive influence on other employers. “Any employer can do it,” he said. “A store chain, a grocery store. Any employer can redefine eligibility for benefits. The only reasons we started with the government are for political access and symbolic value. But anybody can approach any employer.”

Brougham said his group has gotten several inquiries for information about policy. He expects West Hollywood to consider it for city workers there and a study group in San Francisco is researching it again. “Now that we have the Berkeley plan,” he said, “it will begin to generate statistics and offer a point of comparison.”

‘Ignored Next Time’

Demonstrators Disrupt New York Falwell Speech

By Charles Michael Smith

NEW YORK — Demonstrators both inside and outside Manhattan's Town Hall protested the December 10 speech to be delivered by the Rev. Jerry Falwell, a member of the religious right wing who promotes his anti-gay views through the Moral Majority. Protestors prevented Falwell from speaking, however, and he left the building an hour and a half after the 8:00 p.m. scheduled starting time.

The protest, called by the People's Anti-War Mobilization and supported by various gay and lesbian groups — among them Black and White Men Together, Lesbian Activists at Barnard College and the National Coalition of Black Gays — drew a predominantly white crowd of more than 300 people. Protestors carried signs and chanted slogans condemning Falwell's homophobia. One sign read, “Say no to Reagan and the Right Wing.” Another said, “Keep New York clean, drive out Falwell.”

Andy Humm of the Coalition of Gay and Lesbian Rights estimated that about two-thirds of the people entering Town Hall were pro-

testors. “Jerry Falwell is a clown, a puppet,” said Humm, addressing the crowd surrounding a makeshift platform across the street from Town Hall. “He has no power of his own. The next time he comes to New York, he'll be ignored.”

As the crowd chanted such slogans as “Falwell and the Klan go hand in hand,” from behind police barricades protesters were being forcibly ejected from the auditorium. Some had to be dragged to the sidewalk. As each ejectee exited the building, he or she was cheered on by the supporters outside.

The mood of the crowd was festive; even the cops seemed to be enjoying themselves throughout the evening. A woman and a man sang songs over a loud speaker, bolstering the spirits of the demonstrators as they stood in the cold night air. And a sign language interpreter translated remarks of the speakers at the rally.

Speakers included the Rev. Renee McCoy, pastor of the Harlem Metropolitan Community Church, and City Councilwoman Ruth Messinger. McCoy told her

listeners that the god she serves is “a god who sent Jesus Christ to die for our sins and not [for] our sexuality.” She also pointed out that “to stand against Jerry Falwell is not to stand against God but to stand with God.”

Messinger vowed that “we will see to it that [Falwell] does not succeed in his efforts to deny people their sexual preference.”

Zeh Trial Delayed, Campaign Remarks Cited

By Shane Que Hee

CINCINNATI — Remarks by Hamilton County Prosecutor Arthur Ney and Democratic challenger James Cissell during a radio election debate prompted Common Pleas Judge Donald Schott to delay the trial of gay activist/journalist John Zeh until Feb. 13.

For the second time, Defense Attorney Allen Brown requested a change of venue after obtaining a tape of the radio broadcast. Schott had denied an earlier motion in which Brown had argued publicity in the case and earlier indictments of Zeh and radio station WAIF-FM for “Greasy Fingers,” a guide to sexual lubricants, precluded a fair trial here. This time, Schott denied to move the trial but granted a two-month delay to avoid appearances that the hearing might seem tainted by political motivations.

Zeh is charged with two counts of felonious sexual battery against a 16-year-old neighbor. Police charge the youth was unable to “appraise and control” his sexual behavior due to limited intellect — an IQ of 46 measured by a court psychiatrist's graduate assistant.

The 38-year-old reporter is also charged with felonious compelling prostitution for allegedly giving Easter presents to two 15-year-olds. In a pre-trial hearing, Assistant Prosecutor Claude Crowe was unable to explain details of the

supposed sex-for-favors scenario. Additional sexual battery charges against Zeh were dropped because the two younger youths have IQs above 70 and attend mainstream schools.

Zeh was a co-founder seven years ago of the Greater Cincinnati Gay/Lesbian Coalition, in which he remains active. He produced weekly gay radio programs for six years here and in Philadelphia. He writes for the local gay paper, *Yellow Page* (one column on police harassment is said to have helped provoke Zeh's legal troubles), *Gay Community News*, *The Advocate* and other publications. He also is a freelance publicist.

In an Oct. 30 radio broadcast, challenger James Cissell pointed out that the prosecutor's office lost its earlier case against Zeh and that he was no “under indictment for molesting children.”

Arthur Ney, who later won the election, at first equivocated, but then claimed, “We won that Zeh case. . . . It was reversed and it was tried again. And he has been re-indicted again on other cases. You keep on. You got to keep on going after this type of activity. This is a very dangerous type of activity — panders of obscenity and pornography. And it hits their pocketbook when you can get them. . . .”

Cissell responded, “Mr. Ney, when corrected, insists on chang-

ing the facts when he knows they're not true. . . .”

In fact, four counts of felonious “disseminating obscene material harmful to juveniles” against Zeh and WAIF-FM were dismissed and two Ohio Supreme Court appeals by the prosecutor failed.

Without the delay, Zeh's trial would have occurred against a backdrop of continuous arrests of men for allegedly having sex with young people and a *Cincinnati Post* four-part series on child sex and pornography.

Attorney Allen Brown contends the strict use of IQ as an indicator of ability to make sexual choices would nullify many heterosexual marriages and preclude sex between so-called senile elderly citizens.

The Ohio Legislature in 1979 legalized homosexual acts between people over 15 regardless of the age of the older partners. Some laws, such as “Tending to Cause Unruliness Among Juveniles” and “Interfering With Custody” during overnight visits can be applied to regulate sex between adults and teens, but are rarely used.

The local chapter of the Lesbian/Gay Academic Union established a Defense Fund to pay Zeh's mounting legal expenses. Tax-deductible contributions can be sent to Box 19530, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219.



Gay and lesbian protestors halted a scheduled speech by Jerry Falwell. Sign in center reads: “God is not a Republican.”

News Notes

quote of the week

"I'm not expected to be repulsed or angered by this, even though I have to deal with heterosexuality not just being flaunted, but propagated on television and radio, in art, advertising and movies. I will gladly shut up about my sexuality when heterosexuals shut up about theirs."

— Richard Anton in a letter to the editor, *Newsweek on Campus*, December, 1984.

no more nice gays

BALTIMORE — Proponents of a gay/lesbian civil rights bill, which has languished in committee since May, surrounded the chair of that committee at a recent City Council meeting and angrily demanded that the bill be put to a vote, according to the *Baltimore Sun*.

Activists confronted Thomas Waxter, Jr., chair of the council's Policy and Planning Committee and co-sponsor of the bill, at the close of a December 3 council meeting. Mardie Walker, co-chair of the Baltimore Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club, accused Waxter of having lied to her group about the bill. Waxter maintains he does not have the ten necessary votes on council and that he won't bring the bill out of committee until he has the votes.

Walker shouted at him, "You know the votes are there. We want a vote."

"There's not enough support in the City Council for this vote to pass," Waxter replied. He said later he did not expect the committee to refer the bill to the entire council before Christmas. It is nearly identical to a measure defeated in 1980 after heated debate at public hearings.

Curt Decker, a lobbyist for the bill, said the confrontation of Waxter "is a demonstration of how angry and done in some of the community feels."

"We have been very patient and very good about this," Walker declared. "We've really had it."

counseling funds cut over ped support

SYDNEY, Australia — An agency of the New South Wales government has cut off funding to the Sydney-based Gay Counseling Service (GCS), following newspaper reports alleging that the GCS supported pedophilia, according to *Outrage*.

Frank Walker, director of Youth and Community Services, announced on September 19 that his department's \$20,000 per year funding of GCS would be cut off immediately. The announcement came the same day as an article appeared in a major daily paper reporting that a member of the Australian Pedophile Support Group would be a speaker at GCS's annual counseling workshop in October.

Walker then angrily denounced GCS's "Support for the Pedophile Support Group," adding that the NSW's government would not be associated "with such perversion."

Terry Goulden, director of GCS, said that Walker had made no attempt to contact him to verify the paper's story, nor had Walker answered Goulden's phone calls that day. Goulden said the GCS had no position on pedophilia and that since the conference had been organized for counselors, it was "entirely appropriate that they be exposed to the views of pedophiles."

Goulden said the government makes up half of the GCS yearly budget and the future of the agency is in jeopardy without the government funding.

galaxy grays

SAN FRANCISCO — A fund to establish a non-denominational retirement center for gay men and lesbians in San Francisco has been authorized by the Board of Trustees of the First Unitarian Church, according to *Coming Up!* The New organization has been named GALAXY, an acronym for Gay and Lesbian Accommodations for the Experienced in Years.

A spokesman for the board of trustees said GALAXY will establish one or more retirement centers for gay men and lesbians, but will not discriminate against others. "The Centers will provide residential and assisted independence services, plus recreational and social programs when the present fundraising campaign is completed and property and building are purchased," he said.

U.S. retirement centers for gay people currently operate in New York City, Los Angeles, and San Diego. Centers are also located in the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, the Scandinavian countries and Japan.

Tax deductible donations to GALAXY Retirement Fund may be sent to GALAXY, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St., San Francisco, CA 94109. GALAXY may also be contacted by calling (415) 431-4949.

research scam

ALBANY, NY — Four men have been indicted on charges that they attempted to bilk the state of New York of \$250,000 by inflating the cost of an AIDS research project, according to the *New York Times*. One of the men is former state Assemblyman Stephen Greco of Buffalo, currently a \$43,500-a-year intergovernmental liaison.

According to the indictment, Greco was asked by one of the other three to use his political influence to insure approval of a \$448,100 grant application to the state Department of Health. The application was rejected.

The conspiracy involved a scheme in which the men claimed the AIDS research project would cost at least \$250,000 more than its actual cost.

Arraignments are underway for all four of the accused, charged with single counts of conspiracy, attempting to commit grand larceny, and offering a false instrument for filing.

The state of New York has set aside \$5.7 million to support AIDS research projects.



BOSTON — Over 750 lesbians flocked to the Boston opening of "Choosing Children," a film about lesbians becoming mothers. Kim Klausner (l) and Debra Chasnoff, producers and directors, bask in the warmth of a standing ovation at Boston University's Morse Auditorium on December 8. The film examines the situations of six different lesbian families, including three couples, a lesbian and gay man co-parenting, a group of five lesbians and a single lesbian mother.

video vixens

This is a call to all video producers to enter videotapes by and about women in the First International Women's Day Cable Festival, March 8-9, 1985. Deadline for entries is February 1, 1985. For entry forms and more information, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to International Women's Day Cable Festival, c/o Catherine Russo, 6 Bowdoin Park, Dorchester, MA 02122.

nick contract signed

BOSTON — The months-long labor dispute at Boston's Nickelodeon Theatre has been settled amicably, according to a worker who served on the negotiating committee.

Jeff Prant told GCN that a contract between Nickelodeon management and the union representing the workers, the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Local 262, has been signed. The theatre workers secured a slight hourly pay raise, paid holidays and a formalized grievance procedure. Prant said the nondiscrimination clause regarding workers' sexual preference was also included in the contract, one of only two at metropolitan Boston cinemas.

Prant reported that the dozen or so Boston University ROTC students hired last year to thwart union organizing efforts no longer work at the theater. There are now about 45 Nick employees in the union, working shifts that average 15-20 hours a week.

Prant said the situation for the workers at the theater has improved considerably and he expressed the hope that any persons discouraged from coming to the Nick or purchasing concessions during the dispute will again patronize the theater. "Management deserves to be congratulated," he said. "Both sides acted very responsibly."

The Nickelodeon regularly features films of interest to gay men and lesbians; *The Times of Harvey Milk* is now in an extended run at the Nick.

background checks

HARRISBURG, PA — The Pennsylvania House of Representatives approved a bill that would require criminal background checks for employees of child-care agencies and schools, according to the *Philadelphia Gay News*. Operators of day care centers and school administrators would be required to check the background of job applicants through the state Department of Public Welfare and the state police.

The Welfare Department maintains a statewide listing of 30,000 persons who are considered confirmed child abusers, including those who have committed consensual anal and oral sex with persons under 18.

One representative attempted to introduce an amendment which would exclude teachers from the law, saying teachers were already thoroughly investigated. The amendment was rejected and the bill passed, 191-3. It now goes to the state Senate.

crime pays

SAN FRANCISCO — Convicted assassin Dan White plans to return to San Francisco when his parole expires in January, according to the *San Francisco Chronicle*. White served five years for manslaughter in connection with the 1978 assassinations of Mayor George Moscone and gay City Supervisor Harvey Milk. He completes his parole on January 6, 1985, one year after release from Soledad prison. White served his parole in Los Angeles because, state correctional officials believed there would be less chance there for an attempt on White's life or a riot over his release.

The *Chronicle* reported that White is unemployed and working on a book. According to Ray Sloan, White's former campaign manager, White will not need to work when he gets back to San Francisco, both because of a one-third partnership in a Pier 39 hot potato stand and funds collected to take care of his family while he was in prison.

new risk group?

IRVINE, CA — Evidence of the HTLV-III virus in the blood of prostitutes on three continents has promoted speculations that female prostitutes may constitute another group at high risk for AIDS. According to a United Press International dispatch, 100 scientists at the International Conference on AIDS Syndromes gathered to discuss the virus and the disease it is believed to cause.

Newly developed blood screening tests have isolated HTLV-III antibodies in prostitutes and servicemen in Europe and the United States. And a study of prostitutes in Zaire found that about 80 percent had HTLV-III antibodies, said Dr. Phillip Markham, virologist with the National Institutes of Health team that discovered the virus.

A U.S. study of military men discovered a substantial number with antibodies to the virus who belong to none of the high-risk groups. Markham said it had been concluded that they had contact with the virus through sex with female prostitutes in the U.S., Europe and elsewhere.

Markham said the antibody test, which is not available outside the research community, has revealed anti-bodies in more than 50 percent of active homosexual men in major population centers, in more than 80 percent of hemophiliacs who are treated repeatedly with a concentrated blood product, and in about 50 percent of intravenous drug abusers in major cities.

DAVIS, CA — Researchers at the University of California-Davis have begun testing for the HTLV-III antibody in gay men and in 1000 anonymous samples of blood from the Sacramento Blood Bank, according to the *Sacramento Bee*. They are also setting up testing for hemophiliacs.

The Sacramento AIDS Foundation is counseling all persons who are screened. Kate Guzman, Foundation director, said her group does not endorse the testing program, but chose to work with the program when it became clear that the testing would be carried out with or without the Foundation's participation.

"I don't feel it reveals enough information to be useful," she said. "The scientists point out it will give them a picture of what happens over time that they don't have now. That's true. But you have to weigh that against the mental health of the person who has the test done."

Researchers say the confidentiality of gay men who volunteer for the screening project is protected because blood samples are sent to the researchers labeled only with a number, not a name. One of several physicians in the area takes the sample and forwards it to the research team. When screening is completed, the physician who took the sample contacts the patients with results.

70,000 Affected

AIDS Cases Top 7000; 5244 Are Gay Men

By Christine Guilfoyle

ATLANTA — The number of AIDS cases reported in the United States and accepted by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has reached over 7,000. As of December 10, 1984, 7,270 cases have been reported and 2,449 people, or 47 percent, have died from the disease. Six months ago, as of June 4, 1984, CDC reported 4,690 cases and 2,074 dead.

The CDC maintains a tight operational definition of AIDS and it is estimated that the syndrome has actually affected ten times the number reported by the CDC, often with milder immune deficiencies such as AIDS-Related Complex (ARC). Some people estimate over 70,000 persons have been affected by the current epidemic.

The CDC definition includes "...any patient who has a disease at least moderately indicative of underlying cellular immunodeficiency...but who has no known cause of reduced resistance to that disease...." Diseases include cryptosporidiosis, pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP), candidiasis, cytomegalovirus, herpes simplex virus, Kaposi's sarcoma (KS) and brain lymphoma. The diseases overwhelm the body when its line of defense, the immune system, breaks down or is severely depressed.

Because the problem is the underlying immune deficiency, the syndrome can express itself in a variety of ways, making the diagnosis a clinical one based on a number of factors. There is currently no test for AIDS. Additionally, the presence of diseases or symptoms associated with AIDS does not provide evidence of the syndrome, and in fact can be associated with less severe illnesses.

The state hardest hit by AIDS has been New York, with 2,805 adult cases reported. One thousand three hundred thirty six people have died in New York. California has reported 1,624 cases and 660 deaths. Thus, these two states together account for over half the number of cases.

Florida has 494 confirmed cases; New Jersey 431; Texas 339; Illinois 153; Pennsylvania 141; Massachusetts 121; District of Columbia 101; and Georgia 91, making these the ten states with the highest number of adult cases. Figures for children are kept separately since it is difficult to assess which cases are acquired and which are congenital.

Currently, 42 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico require AIDS cases be reported to their health departments. Forty-five states now have reported cases to the CDC.

Because there is a lag between the time a case is reported to a state health department and the time it takes for the CDC to accept the case, the number of persons having been diagnosed with AIDS is actually higher than CDC figures indicate.

For example, while the CDC reports Massachusetts as having 121 confirmed cases as of December 10, George Grady, the state epidemiologist, reports 140 as of December 1.

While the numbers of persons diagnosed with AIDS has risen, the proportion of persons from the high risk groups, with the exception of Haitians, has remained relatively constant. Thus far, 5,244 gay or bisexual men have been affected, accounting for 73 percent of the total cases. Intravenous drug users account for 17 percent, Haitians 4 percent, hemophiliacs 1 percent, heterosexual partners of persons in a high risk group, 1 percent, transfusion related cases 1 percent and those who could not be categorized or did not fit into a known risk group accounted for 4 percent of the total.

According to a recent report issued by the CDC in its Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), the relative proportion of Haitians has decreased. In Massachusetts, a similar

phenomenon is being observed. Anne Silvia, the Boston AIDS project coordinator, said the reason for the relative decrease is unclear but one possibility is that Haitian cases are underreported.

Forty percent of those diagnosed with AIDS are either Black or Hispanic. One percent are other minorities and one percent were of unknown ethnicity. The remaining 58 percent are white.

AIDS continues to strike hardest the 30-39 age group, which accounts for 47 percent of the cases. The 20-29 year group accounts for 22 percent, while the 40 to 49 group accounts for 21 percent. Ninety percent of all persons diagnosed with AIDS are between 20 and 50 years of age. AIDS diagnoses are most rare in the 13 to 19 year range.

The MMWR reported 73 percent of patients diagnosed before

January 1983 have died. However, according to Harold Jaffe, a CDC AIDS researcher, of the 60 persons diagnosed before 1981, ten are still alive. He said of 240 diagnosed during 1981, 42 are still alive. Although Jaffe did not have further breakdowns available, he said most of these surviving persons have Kaposi's sarcoma. Persons who have KS have one of the best survival rates; figures from CDC indicate a 30 percent mortality rate. Donald Armstrong, MD, an AIDS researcher at Sloane-Kettering Institute in New York, recently said, "KS patients suggest that [AIDS] is not a uniformly fatal disease."

Persons having both KS and PCP have the highest fatality rate, with 66 percent of those diagnosed having died. Of those having been diagnosed as having PCP or

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Outdated Information

Black Gay Man Battles United for Job

By Charles Michael Smith

NEW YORK — Before Bruce Hall, a 35-year-old Black gay man with AIDS, was put on what he calls "forced medical leave of absence," he had been a flight attendant for a major U.S. airline. Management of United Airlines made the decision to relieve Hall of his duties when they learned of his AIDS diagnosis, made in September, 1983. (See GCN Vol. 12, No. 21)

The decision came about, Hall told GCN in a telephone interview, not because the airline believes AIDS is spread through casual contact but out of their concern "about public perception should the public find out that this airline is flying people who have AIDS." The fact that the airline informed its 8200 flight attendants "that there is no reason for them to fear someone with AIDS on board on the airplane," he continued, means that "they have destroyed their own case."

Hall, an ex-New Yorker now residing in Chicago, wants his job back, which for him is the "bottom line." And he is currently putting up a courageous three-pronged fight: against AIDS itself, through weight-lifting and bicycling; against the perception that the disease makes those it strikes vulnerable to all viruses and bacteria instead of specific ones; and against job discrimination against people with AIDS.

As Hall sees it, "the only way to win in my kind of case is to be more patient and tolerant than they could ever be, which is impossible because I'm an individual and they're a corporation. They will be around for 200 years after I'm gone."

Hall has filed complaints against United through his union; his case is tied to a similar one with United. The other complainant is a white gay man with Kaposi's sarcoma.

Hall also filed complaints with the state human rights commissions in New York and Illinois. The New York commission re-

jected Hall's complaint after he told them about the Illinois complaint; a complaint, Hall explained, filed in one state is binding in all other states. He filed in both states because "I'm between both addresses."

When in New York, he stays with his sister in her Co-Op City apartment in the Bronx. And he is in touch with officials at the U.S. Department of Labor Division of Federal Contract Compliance. Since the airline flies the U.S. mail it comes under the compliance division's jurisdiction. "I gave them the background story," he said. According to Hall, the department agreed that discrimination occurred in this case.

The company is dealing with the case as though "my whole accusation is inaccurate. [The airlines] told me they don't wish to update the files and work with information available in 1984. They're still working with information made available to them last year. It's taking them four months [just] to type the information."

A few months ago, Hall was turned down for long-term disability payments by his insurance company. His insurance company has since restored his coverage "for 200 bucks a month." Hall's lover and family are supporting him while he fights to regain his job.

He also encountered anti-AIDS sentiment at Grant Hospital, "the principal hospital in the gay community in Chicago." He had signed up for the hospital's Alcoholics Anonymous program to counsel people in treatment. "It's the kind of work I've done before and the kind of work I'm being degreed to do right now at Loop College in Chicago. They kicked me out because I have AIDS." Hall himself is a former alcohol abuser.

Regarding his case against United, Hall says that his complaint will "sit a long time" at the Illinois Human Rights Commission. "There won't be an outcome for another year or two. The

wheels of justice turn very slowly, if at all."

However, if the case is "resolved unfavorably," Hall intends to go to the state courts, and if necessary, to the federal level. "It would be an awful shame," he said, "to have been defeated by AIDS before this thing is resolved. I want to enjoy some of the money, too."

Scondras Arrested In South Africa Protest

By Larry Goldsmith

BOSTON — Police arrested former state representative and mayoral candidate Mel King and District 8 city councillor David Scondras on December 10 during a demonstration at Deak-Perera, Inc., a downtown firm that sells South African Krugerrand coins.

King and Scondras entered the firm's Franklin Street office and presented the manager, Christopher D'Elia, with a letter requesting a meeting with the company's president. According to Scondras, they also asked the company to stop selling the gold coins, which help finance the South African government and its racist apartheid policies, until the meeting could be scheduled.

D'Elia called Boston Police, who arrived and arrested the two men. They were taken by police wagon to the District A police station, where they were booked, photographed and fingerprinted, and then to the Boston Municipal Court, where they were arraigned on trespassing charges and released on personal recognizance, pending a scheduled December 21 trial.

"Apartheid is morally repugnant to me and I think to all of us," Scondras told GCN. "The sale of the Krugerrand is emotionally and in point of fact the equivalent of selling gold

swastikas. It is supportive of the most outrageous kind of ideology on the part of the South African government and it is financially supportive of South Africa's oppression of Black people."

"I think it's important for the gay and lesbian community to be supportive of the concerns of all people who are oppressed including the Black and Latino communities," added Scondras, the city's only openly gay elected official, saying such support was necessary for "the continued develop-

ment of a coalition with our own community and also because we have Black members of our own community and [need to] support them in all aspects of their oppression."

The two arrests brought to 14 the number of people arrested in Boston in the current nationwide campaign of legal demonstrations and civil disobedience expressing opposition both to apartheid and American business and governmental relations to the South African government.



Mel King (l) and David Scondras following their arrests at a Boston South Africa demonstration.



Apuzzo in Cincinnati

CINCINNATI — National Gay Task Force executive director Virginia Apuzzo took her road show to Cincinnati recently, attracting the largest crowd of gay men and lesbians ever to gather together in the city. Stonewall Cincinnati sponsored Apuzzo's post-election appearance, at which she touched on Reagan's victory, the importance of educational work as well as political work, and the diversity of the gay and lesbian community.

On the matter of men and women working together, Apuzzo said, "Let me say to you men, with affection, that we women are so frightened that gay men will get their rights and go home and forget us. Being in the Constitution, pay equity, choices about our bodies — there are so many issues on which we need your help. It hurts to be a woman in this society. We have to resolve this and build trust."

— John Zeh

Community Voices

GCN welcomes letters to the editor. If possible, they should be TYPED and DOUBLESPOCED, and where possible limited to five typed pages. They should be sent to: Community Voices, GCN, 167 Tremont St. #5, Boston, MA 02111.

changing boston

Dear GCN:

As if November 6th wasn't depressing enough this year — not that I was surprised that Bonzo's back — but I was floored when I'd seen that he'd taken my home state of Massachusetts! (What *happened*? How *could* he take *Massachusetts*?)

Well, I found a clue within our own community when I picked up a copy of the Nov. 3 GCN and read the account by Larry Goldsmith of how police cited *Jacques* for allowing dancing without a dancing license. (The piece was aptly subtitled — should have been *titled* — “Improving Life For Whom?”)

As if this out & out police harassment (what other bars in Boston are forced to have a *dancing* license?) wasn't enough, I further read that residents of Bay Village, with its high gay population, are only too eager to cooperate with the police in measures that will hurt the business at *Jacques* and ultimately force this bar, a 46-year-old institution, to close its doors.

Now, I have nothing against gentrification *per se* — in fact I think it's great to see people who have the means, taking the pride in restoring & rescuing a crumbling neighborhood from total decline — but the ugly flipside to this phenomenon seems to be a total disdain and disregard for those who came before them.

Oh, yes, everyone loves pioneers — *dead* ones. Like right-wing fundamentalists who extoll the glory of “our founding fathers” and “what this country was built upon,” while conveniently ignoring that the very people whose spirit they invoke fled here to escape the kind of persecution they perpetuate, the well-heeled gay yuppies of Bay Village would just as soon banish Drag Queens and hustlers entirely from their lives, only to dimly acknowledge them once a year in flowery paeans to “the gay men and Lesbians who rioted at Stonewall and gave birth to our movement” on Gay Pride Day.

If crime and traffic problems were truly the nuisances Bay Village Neighborhood Association sought to eliminate, they would've approached *Jacques'* management, as one of the neighborhood's *GAY* businesses, to join them in finding a solution. Instead, they seek to eliminate the very “undesirable” elements — the drag queens and hustlers — that they owe much of their privilege to lead relatively uncloseted lives to.

I am angered not only by such bloodsucking selective memory, but also at another example of how gay “respectability”-strivers try to distance themselves from the nonconformists and fringe members of our movement (and, I might add, those who come from a distinctively lower economic/social class than they).

Jacques is one of the only places around Boston where a large segment of the gay “community” can feel welcome. Really, how well are drag queens accepted at *Buddies*? How comfortable can a dyke prostitute feel at *Somewhere Else*? It's only fitting that *Jacques* is, and should remain, in what is mainly a “gay neighborhood.”

I'm beginning to wonder whether I should bother coming home to Boston.

In Pride,
Ingrid Sell
San Francisco, CA

a lesbian chief angel

(GCN received a copy of this letter to the Divisional Commander of the New York City Salvation Army. — Editor)

Dear Lt.-Colonel Conrath,

I wonder if the needy little three year old Sandy, the Salvation Army's “chief angel in our Christmas pageant this year,” grows up to be a lesbian and applies to you, as Divisional Commander, for a job, would you be as quick to offer her one as you offered charity to her and her family? of course not. You have asked me to make a generous contribution “to help people like Sandy and her family” but I can hardly contribute to an organization which is so ungenerous and uncharitable to myself and all gay people in its refusal to comply with Mayor Koch's Executive Order 50 forbidding job discrimination in groups like yours that are generously funded through city contracts which are helped paid for by lesbian and gay taxpayers.

Please be assured I will do all I can to persuade my friends, gay and nongay, to no longer in any way support such a bigoted and uncharitable institution.

Strike my name off your mailing list.

Yours,
Michael Rumaker
South Nyack, NY

be critical, be fair

Dear GCN:

I was pleased to see Meryl Altman's letter in response to Laura Cottingham's article on the debate at the New York Public Library on Pornography and Censorship. As a long-time, though dormant, news writer for *GCN*, I'm well aware of our difficulties in covering out-of-town events. Often it entails someone on our local news staff making endless phone calls tracking down elusive but knowledgeable sources. The news editor's dream, however, is for people from outside of Boston to report on their local events and mail them in to us. Unfortunately, the exigency of weekly production of the paper means that sometimes articles slip through with inaccuracies and misrepresentations. Although we cringe about these mistakes, they happen — and so we count on interested members of the community to write in and set the record straight.

Many of us associated with the paper also feel discomfited by Cottingham's coverage of the New York debate, and are glad that further information and clarification have been presented. I was, however, extremely irritated and disappointed by the tone of Altman's letter. I think the level of her hostility is unwarranted when directed at our paper, which has consistently run the most current and comprehensive coverage of the ordinances, and the anti-pornography and anti-censorship issues. So let's be critical, but let's be fair. The political climate is demoralizing enough as it is.

Sincerely,
Janice Irvine
Cambridge, MA

gay graffiti

Dear GCN:

The following is a chain of graffiti from a men's (sic) room at MIT:

Good action — Harvard Science Center — day or night

I always knew those Harvard guys were queers.

What's wrong with being queer?

Nobody said anything was wrong with it.

Straight men are defensive and very impolite.

Gay men are defensive and very polite.

I don't care how polite you are — just stay away from me.

You'll never escape us, we are everywhere.

I must admit I added two of these comments on the wall, myself.

Signed,
No longer at MIT

onyx ends

Dear GCN,

At the end of October, the women of ONYX came to the painful decision to discontinue publication. This decision was not made in haste, but was made after carefully reviewing our energy levels. We all agreed that we were suffering from burn-out. It takes a great deal of time and effort to put together a publication and because our numbers are so small, we realized we could no longer continue publishing ONYX. More women being involved would have enabled us to continue the newsletter.

We know that there is a real need for a medium of expression such as ONYX. This need has been evidenced to us by the letters of support and encouragement we have received since our beginning in May 1982. To all the people who contributed submissions, time, money and advertising, we are very thankful and extremely grateful.

We hope that rather than this being an ending to ONYX, that this can be a beginning for others to continue to work together towards establishing improved communication between Black lesbians. We must never stop speaking to the issues that affect our lives — among them, racism, sexism, classism and homophobia.

The women of ONYX feel it was a tremendous privilege to have worked together over these many months. Through this experience, we have all grown.

In peace, love and sisterhood
ONYX
Mailene Bonner
Sarita Johnson
Pandoura
Maryann Turner
Berkeley, CA

bitter rehab

Dear GCN,

A lot of my friends in here, gay and straight, don't have no one to turn to. Prisons are supposed to help rehabilitate inmates. Only rehabilitation I got in here is bitterness.

Holidays are like every other day in here. If you know a prisoner, send a card or note. I found someone that cares about me and now I have a reason to get out.

All of you out there, as well as in here, have the best holidays yet.

In the power,
Roger D. Emanuel
Tillery, NC

AIDS Resource List

AIDS Action Committee — 16 Haviland Street, Boston, MA 02115, 267-7573

Education and support group for people with AIDS, their families, lovers, friends and health care providers. Provides speakers, conducts forums, rap groups, hospice-trained volunteers, hotline information and referrals. Associated with the Fenway Community Health Center.

AIDS Action Line — 536-7733

AIDS Action Committee service, information, referrals and befriending about AIDS. Trained volunteers.

AIDS Benefit Review Committee (267-7573) or (725-4849)

Joint subcommittee of Mayor's Committee on AIDS and AIDS Action Committee to coordinate AIDS fundraisers, monitor process and review results. All groups of individuals planning AIDS fundraisers are encouraged to coordinate their efforts with the subcommittee.

AIDS Hotline — (424-5916)

The Community Infectious Disease Epidemiology Program of the City of Boston. Staff of public health nurses answer questions about AIDS, make referrals. Collects city-wide data from hospitals on AIDS cases, forwards data to Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, officially determines number of cases probable and under investigation.

Fenway Community Health Center

16 Haviland Street, Boston, MA 02115 (267-7573)

Hotline information, medical work-ups, diagnosis, referrals, counseling. A gay sensitive health care facility. Participates in research efforts.

Gay and Lesbian Counseling Services

600 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02111 (542-5118)

Gay and Lesbian Hotline — 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm, M-F (426-9371)

Provides information on AIDS, makes referrals. Associated with Gay and Lesbian Counseling Services.

Haitian Committee on AIDS in Massachusetts — 117 Harvard Street, Dorchester, MA 02124 (436-2808)

Provides information, referrals, support and emergency assistance to Haitians with AIDS and their families.

Mayor's Committee on AIDS — Room 608, Boston City Hall, Boston, MA 02201 (725-4849)

Coordinates efforts of federal, state, and city health agencies, produces educational material, collects data on cases, reviews policy. Umbrella organization. Media outlet. Conducts forums and provides speakers, distributes AIDS brochures, referrals.

National Gay Task Force Hotline (1-800-221-7044)

Toll free national hotline run by NGTF to provide information and referrals.

Omega Hospice and Bereavement Program 270 Washington Street, Somerville, MA 02143 (776-6369)

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Speaking Out

Home for the Holidays: Survival Strategies for Gays

By John Stout

Some of us hate our families, some of us have mixed feelings about our families, some of us love our families. But regardless of how we feel about our families, one of our greatest needs is to have a sense of belonging, and many of us will soon head home for the holidays.

Despite all of the fa la la la of the season, the holidays are frequently a time of deeply felt anxiety, disappointment and resentment. Often our parents and siblings are a source of this dissatisfaction. How many of us believe that our mothers, fathers, brothers, and sisters would reject us if we told them of our sexual preference? How many of us have families who do not accept or appreciate us as the whole person we came out of the closet to become? All too many I'm sure.

But as the holidays draw near many of us will try overlooking their failure to accept us as whole persons who are gay. 'Tis the season to be jolly and we'll try to be on our best behavior and do our best giving and our best being together. We may even hope to pull off a Hallmark version of Christmas with everyone feeling warm, happy, and loving. And often we set ourselves up for disappointment.

Disappointment can happen when our dreams or ideal expectations of the holiday are not counterbalanced with a reality check. Holidays can be very wonderful but they can also be really awful. By checking our holiday expectations we can minimize our disappointment and maximize our chance for holiday survival or even enjoyment.

Consider the following expectations:

Expectation: I must have a good time.

Reaction: Why pressure yourself to get in the holiday spirit? The holidays may have seemed spontaneous and carefree to us as kids, but as adults we're familiar with the stress of shopping, planning, cooking, traveling. It would be nice to have a Merry Christmas but let's not demand it of ourselves.

Expectation: Everybody in the family has to love everybody else.

Reaction: Not the ghost of Christmas past, present, or future could pull this one off unless

feeling is already there. Holidays are supposed to be a time of joyful reunion but let's settle for others being pleasant when the presents are passed out.

Expectation: I should visit my family over the holiday.

Reaction: Do you really want to visit your family? Could they visit you? Would a shorter visit help any? Would you feel better/worse going home or staying away from your family? If you decide to not visit your family don't wait until Christmas Eve to prepare them for the change.

Expectation: If I make the big trip or buy an expensive gift it will improve my relationship with family members.

Reaction: Don't hold your breath on this one. You're only setting yourself up for a big letdown if you expect others to appreciate you more and don't get it.

Expectation: I don't have any expectations.

Reaction: Don't be so sure. Try completing the following sentence: "What I dread most about going home for the holiday" Your response is an expectation which can help prepare you for a problem situation or the friction and disagreement that can be found in any long-term relationship and might surface during the holiday.

What else can be said for surviving family togetherness? Get ready for comments or questions about your lifestyle whether you're in or out of the closet with your family. Don't be surprised when mom hands you the latest *Reader's Digest* article on AIDS or if dad doesn't want to discuss your latest boyfriend (or girlfriend for wommin). Try not to be overwhelmed by your family's insensitivity to who you are and what you want to do with your life. Be prepared to experience a little grief and give yourself space when you need it. Allow yourself to be tolerant of the shortcomings of your family. Let's try to accept them as much as we'd like to be accepted, if even just for the holiday.

Finally, when it's all over, pack your bags, wave goodbye, and be gay.

A Broader Celebration, A Greater Gift

By E.B. Hare

The festive holiday season, when we reflect upon all of the good things that have come to us and when we are glad to show in various ways our affection for those with whom we have special ties, now has greater significance for women than merely making sure that the food for the feasting is properly cooked and that the holiday lights are in place and in working order.

Today's women permit themselves more freedom of expression and greater release from traditional "female" roles than ever before. We discover that, as we celebrate the holidays and find in them new meaning and happiness, they offer an opportunity also to express feelings toward each other which formerly had to be repressed and subordinated to more practical matters like cooking and homemaking. We begin to recognize and celebrate the bonds of female friendship in a male-defined world where we have been taught to compete against each other and where women-identified-women are considered as immoral outsiders or as completely invisible.

We have a great deal to be thankful for at this time of year: the gift of life, the light and warmth of the sun, the beauty of nature, air to breathe and water to drink, the earth and everything upon and within it that supplies our needs, and, certainly not least, the love and companionship of other people. All of these gifts and more are parts of an abundant heritage. Some of them, like air and water, we believe should be kept clean and available for everyone; some, like land and its products, we buy and sell and transform into private property. Unfortunately, encouraged by our cultural heritage, we tend to claim for ourselves what we want, reckoning our worth by our material possessions and measuring others in the same way. We accept too readily the notion that much of what is considered valuable in our world cannot be shared because it is so limited in supply; we become intent on getting what we can for ourselves and we forget to give to others. Our thanks are for what we hold; our gifts do not come from full hearts but from a sense of guilt or obligation.

As women come to regard themselves as friends, not rivals, the artificially-created space between them is bridged. They realize that this is a reason for profound gratitude, and that instead of diminishing themselves by being connected to each other, they are constantly

being strengthened. Their gifts of friendship and affection are returned to them many times over.

Lesbian women have special reasons for both rejoicing in their love and for wanting to keep it to themselves. The fullness of such love has been known for centuries but it has been forced to remain women's secret because a society bent on perpetuating itself cannot tolerate the existence of what is perceived as life-threatening. Lesbian love is for this reason a peculiarly precious gift even though it must be so carefully protected. Nevertheless it must be recognized as a part of the far broader female-identified experience in which all women participate to varying degrees. We are all comrades, marching together in almost infinite diversity toward common goals.

Appreciation of the ties that already draw us more closely together becomes an energizing force, enabling — even compelling — us to move forward beyond our present limitations. Bonds already forged will be reinforced by the creation of new connections so that a greater number of women may be more fully empowered to seek wider freedom of choice and action. The time of celebration and gift-giving is also a time when women — whether they enjoy the pleasures of simple friendship or the closer bonds of sisterhood or the deep intimacies of lesbianism — can rejoice in their unfolding relatedness and offer each other the greatest gift they have — themselves.

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Community Voices

pedophilia is *not* homosexuality

Dear *GCN*:

As a subscriber and faithful reader of *GCN*, I grow increasingly confused and angered in regard to both *GCN*'s editorial policy concerning, and *GCN*'s readership's apparent attitude toward pedophilia, or intergenerational sex. Pedophilia is not a form of homosexuality. Nor is sex between an adult and a child ever healthy for the child. Healthy children are, of course, sexual, and do express themselves sexually. But, the discrepancy between an adult's power, sexual development, and life experience and a child's lack of these things precludes any possibility of healthy sexual activity between the two.

Some months ago it was printed in *GCN* that Dignity Boston disassociated itself from NAMBLA. I applauded that decision even though I would have been happier had Dignity outright condemned NAMBLA and all groups organized to support active or potential child sexual abusers. The only reactions to Dignity's decision printed in *GCN* were unfavorable. Very puzzling.

Then, a short time later, *GCN* carried a story from Philadelphia concerning Giovanni's Room and its sale or distribution of a pamphlet titled "How to Have Sex with Children." Appalling, I said to myself, to have such obscenity associated with gay/lesbian literature/culture. Yet the only reactions to the article (and the fact) to appear in *GCN* were in support of the distribution of the pamphlet, purportedly, in the name of free

speech. I presume that Giovanni's Room does not, in the name of free speech, distribute or promote literature published by the White Citizens' Council, The Moral Majority, the Ku Klux Klan, The American Nazi Party, etc. What these organizations all have in common with the framers of "How to Have Sex with Children" and NAMBLA is clearly defined victims, regardless of the nature of the proposed victimization.

GCN's Nov. 24 issue contained an article under "News Notes," compiled by Sue Hyde, entitled "pedophile group folds." Thank God, I said to myself as I began to read. As the British group's former activities were described, I grew at once more horrified at their purposes and more relieved that they had folded. Then, to my absolute stupefaction, I read the tag paragraph:

"P.I.E.'s press service to disseminate materials relevant to pedophilia will continue to function. For information, contact PIE," and the address. What!? Who would want to contact such a group but a pedophile? Why is this included in a newspaper for lesbians and gay men? Have some of us (Sue Hyde, *GCN*'s editors) bought the line that homosexuals are child molesters? I do not believe in censorship, but I do believe that we are morally obliged to oppose the proliferation and/or distribution of all material produced by such misguided groups or individuals who promote victimization, particularly when the group being victimized is our most vulnerable, gullible, and powerless.

In a recent PBS, TV series concerning child sexual abuse, Dr. John Conte, of Chicago, stated that if there were a community where children

could be safest from sexual abuse, it would be the gay community. Gay males and lesbians are the identifiable portion of the general population least likely to abuse children sexually. This is not news to me, but I was overjoyed that someone on national television finally had the guts to say so. Perhaps we (lesbians, gays) are reluctant to describe or condemn a group of people using the same emotional-trigger words so often misused in describing or condemning us. So, it seems, we as a community have failed to take a clear position regarding pedophilia and pedophilia.

I have worked with children, pre-school through high school, most of my adult life. I am 40, gay, and male. I have taught sex education, among other things, for the past 10-15 years. Never have I known a child or adolescent who could benefit from sexual activity with an adult. Nor have I ever known a child or adolescent who was not seriously harmed by such activity. I have read all the arguments and rationalization in favor of intergenerational sex (written by adults, usually male), and it is all so easily refuted morally, developmentally, psychologically. Sexual activity with or for children should be left to children. Intergenerational sex is foremost a moral crime; thankfully, it is illegal as well.

I hope that those of you who read this will realize the parallels between the plight of children in relation to pedophiles, and our gay/lesbian plight in relation to the society in which we live. I hope that you will advocate for the protection of children and childhood.

Sincerely,
Alan Carroll
Newton, MA

no to blind allegiance

Dear *GCN*:

Hugh Murray's letter which you headlined "register the church" (10 Nov) made some excellent points about our currently endangered separation of church and state, but another angle needs publicity.

Adherents of any religious faith have ethical standards offered for guidance for their private and public actions. That guidance, however, must never overcome the dictates of a conscience requiring action based on personal grappling with issues of right and wrong. It must never be blind allegiance to dictation for some fuhrer who claims the authority to do our thinking for us, whether he rules from Rome or Moscow or any other foreign base.

Archbishop O'Connor was recently quoted as having said, "Geraldine Ferraro doesn't have a problem with me, if she has a problem, it's with the pop," referring to his Rome-based fuhrer.

That statement should shock every American, no matter what his religious connection, if any, to vow never, under any circumstances, to vote for any candidate for ANY public office until he/she has pledged, in some legal form providing sanctions for noncompliance, NOT to be governed in his/her public actions by dictation from ANY foreign power — whether Rome, Moscow, or elsewhere.

Sincerely,
Fred R. Methered
Honolulu, HI

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AIDS

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another opportunistic infection alone, approximately half have died. While a combination of KS/PCP has the lowest survival rate, it also accounts for the fewest number of cases.

Also according to MMWR, 86 percent of adult AIDS cases in the U.S. have been reported since January of 1983.

Recently, James Curran of the CDC said there are probably 300,000 persons living in the U.S. who have been exposed to the virus. He estimated 10 percent of that number will eventually come down with AIDS.

Harold Jaffe, an AIDS researcher at CDC, told GCN Curran had arrived at his figure by using results from a San Francisco study indicated a 1:35 ratio of persons with AIDS to persons testing positive for the HTLV-III antibody. From this, Curran assumed the number of exposed individuals nationally is 35 times the number of cases — now about 7,000 — a figure he expressed as 200,000 to 300,000.

He then assumed a 10 percent conversion rate to AIDS based on preliminary data and thus estimated up to 30,000 cases arising in the next three years, based on speculation about incubation time. However, this data is preliminary and perhaps skewed because the San Francisco population may have been a higher than average risk group of gay men. In explaining Curran's method, Jaffe said "it may not be right, but that's what he did."

He said the point to be made, rather than a specific numerical prediction is that many people have probably been exposed to the

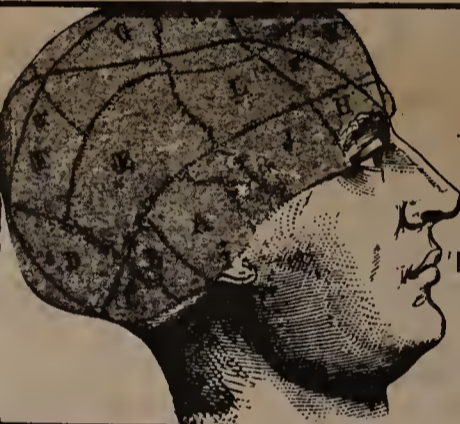
virus and while it was originally thought only 1 percent of those exposed would actually go on to develop AIDS, it now appears to be higher.

However, Jaffe also said changes in sexual activity among gay men, as evidenced by a drop in the rectal gonorrhea rate, may eventually slow the epidemic's growth.

Regardless of the numerical prediction, it is clear many more people will be affected by AIDS over the next several years. Larry Kessler, coordinator of the Boston AIDS Action Committee (AAC), recently estimated that basic hospital costs, per year, for a person with AIDS is \$80,000 to \$100,000. He projected a need for \$560 million nationally over the next year and \$3 billion over the next 3 years. Kessler called for more state and federal funding to insure that persons with AIDS will receive adequate care.

Kessler also said the AAC gets three to four calls per day from persons outside Massachusetts who want to receive care here. Kessler said New York is overtaxed and some New Yorkers come to Boston for care and treatment. However, with the growing number of cases in Massachusetts, Kessler questions how long Massachusetts can carry the increased load.

Recently, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health awarded \$1.5 million to 19 AIDS research projects. One of the studies, by George Seage, the city of Boston epidemiologist, will be an extensive study of the medical and social costs of treating persons with AIDS.



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Black Men as Objects

The Attraction of the Unknown

By Patrick Scully

I am a white gay man, thirty years old, and, after coming out twelve years ago, I still have not had an ongoing intimate relationship with another man. I am beginning to see how my racism and sexism have contributed to this.

The first man I ever touched sexually was Black. I was eighteen, pushed by sexual desire and pulled by Catholic guilt. Guilt and my own fears won out over excitement and passion. We were together only once, and didn't get very involved on that occasion. Before this point in my life I had had almost no contact with Black people. I grew up in a white suburb, with no Black person in my high school class of 552 students. I attended a very large university with a very small minority enrollment. What I knew about Black men by 1972 I had learned from the mass media. The media taught me that they were dangerous, sexually powerful, violent and emotional.

The next several men I was sexual with were white. Until 1976, when I graduated from college, most of my sexual partners were white men, and all of my sexual activities were guarded. Not even a fledgling relationship developed.

Graduation from college and a choice to become a professional dancer led me to places that felt far less restrictive. I was more at ease being gay in the dance community. As I let more and more of my world know I was gay, I increasingly choose to have sex with Black men. The first man to enter me was Black. My first lover was Black. We lived together for nine months, had wonderful sex together, but never became trusting friends. I basically remember him in a sexual context. By the time we broke up, I found myself almost exclusively attracted to Black men. I still find myself attracted to Black men. Many Black men with whom I was initially sexual are now close friends, but none has grown to be a friend and remained a sexual partner.

It seems that I've learned to respond to men as sexual images, not to men as people. I'd like to change this. To do that, I'll have to overcome thirty years of conditioning. The forms of conditioning are many. The first one I consciously dealt with as a gay man was homophobia. Being a gay man in a homophobic society means I grew up without the sort of male models from whom I would have liked to have learned about being a gay man. Men as money makers, murderers and multipliers were everywhere. I still search for positive images and models of men loving men, in any form. I also grew up conditioned to believe that sex is bad. If sex was bad, sex with men was diabolical. There are three more sides to this conditioning. The first side is sexism. From family, friends, school and media, I learned that sex is something men do to women. Women are not people, they are sex objects, things. Secondly, I learned in the gay community to shift from making sex objects of women to making sex objects of men. It seems a bitter twist to being gay: as a man I learn to objectify people; as a gay man I learn to present myself as an object to be attractive to other men. Objectifier and object, the worst of male and female roles. Thirdly, I acquired a racist perception of Black men as powerful, sexual creatures. This, too, I learned from family, friends, school and the media.

For me to see someone as an object, I have failed to see them as a

person. Growing up segregated from Blacks, I had no knowledge of them as real people. I knew them as different, taboo and exceptionally virile. Black men were easier to see as sex objects than white men because whites didn't seem so different from me.

I've developed some distinct behaviors as a result. Most white

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men passing by in public or in a gay bar are invisible to me, just like I don't see most women. My eyes scan for Black men, sexual images. I limit what I see, always hoping to connect with one of these images, not the real man. As he tries to connect with my image, we miss as people.

The attention I get for looking like I do (I am tall, thin and blond) brings sexual "rewards." I used to believe this was success, having lots of sex with beautiful men. My looks let me play this game well, and because I was doing "well," it was easy not to

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recognize the pattern of the game, and its limits on my growth.

Here's how the pattern works for me: I see an attractive Black man, introduce myself, find out he's attracted to me, and we have sex together. We continue to see each other, have sex, grow to know and enjoy each other as people, and my sexual desire for him fades away. My address book contains many friends who have experienced this with me. I believe there is a simple explanation for this. I have learned to be sexually attracted to the unknown, the mysterious, not to a real man, but to the image of a man, an object. As I get to know a man, the image becomes overshadowed by his real self. I like him for who he is, but not for sex.

There are also men I've been sexual with who did not become friends. These have been men with whom the only basis for interaction was sexual attraction. Values, interests and lifestyles were too different for a friendship. It was easier to continue to be sexual with these men, because I did not care to learn about them as people. They could more easily remain sex objects than the men I cared about.

So I'm left with some friends, some fuck buddies, and no sustaining intimate sexual relationships. I'm lonelier than I'd like to be, not because I have to be half of a couple, but because I want to connect with men more deeply. This desire, my gayness, has led me through a wide range of feelings. It began with a strong longing to be with other men, sexually, emotionally, spiritually and intellectually. For a long time I felt alone because I was afraid to let myself be with other men. Then came the joy of being sexual with other men, the fear of what that meant (being gay), and the alienation from my own background, which I feared was too homophobic to accept me. So, I found a niche in the gay community which felt safe and far away from my

background. In interacting with Black gay men I found joy, warmth, passion and adventure. I want this and more. I want to grow beyond where I've been.

I suppose I could have continued my old pattern for a long time. There are millions of attractive Black men in the world. I believe I could continue to find many sexual partners among them. I'll probably have entree to the gay community based on my looks for some years still. Then, later, if I wanted, I could substitute money and connections for looks. But all this would only leave me where I am.

How can I break the pattern? I have two places to start. First, and easiest, I don't use pornography anymore. I believe it reinforces my behavior of seeing men as objects, and it limits my perception of who is attractive. Second, I limit being sexual to men I've come to know and like as people first. No sex or even dates with men I've been attracted to in random meetings (on the street, or in the bar). Instead, I work at cultivating friends I meet in gay organizations, at performances, through my work, through friends...men I'm likely to have

things in common with. From there I hope to have a chance of building a friendship, adding sexual intimacy, and breaking the pattern which blocks me from achieving fuller intimacy. I'll succeed if I can learn to find men beautiful and attractive as whole persons.

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ANTI-PORN LAWS AND WOMEN'S LIBERATION

By Gayle Rubin

In early September of 1984, A Woman's Place in Oakland, Calif., hosted a window display of censored reading material in honor of National Banned Books Week. Each book was wrapped in plain brown paper and accompanied by a card detailing the circumstances in which the publication was challenged or banned. I was delighted to see A Woman's Place take a stand against censorship. But I noted with some cynicism that the exhibit failed to include any of the numerous publications suppressed by institutions of the feminist community. It thus neatly avoided acknowledging the role being played by the women's movement as a force for censorship (and the rather sordid past of A Woman's Place itself). Since I regard the censorship of history to be as odious as the censorship of ideas, I was moved to remind everyone of the following incidents not included in the bookstore's display:

(1) Spring, 1980. *What Color is Your Handkerchief?*, Samois. A Woman's Place Bookstore. A Woman's Place agreed to carry this pamphlet only if it were accompanied by cards telling customers why they should not read it. After a while, the booklet disappeared from the shelves altogether. Patrons reported that it was being sold under the counter, and that women who wanted to buy it were being harassed by the staff. Collective members insisted they had already made up their minds on the issue and refused to discuss their behavior with Samois members and supporters. After a round of unpleasant discussion and a mill-in in the store, the booklet was restored to the shelves.

A Woman's Place was not alone. Several feminist bookstores would not carry *What Color*, and many feminist papers refused ads for the pamphlet. *Off our backs* wrote: "We will not print the ad because some members of oob think than running the ad might be interpreted as condoning the product advertised, and that the product is not feminist" (February 17, 1981).

(2) Spring, 1980. *Story of O*, Pauline Reage. Giovanni's Room. Philadelphia Women Against Violence Against Women (WAVAW) demanded that Giovanni's Room, the local gay and lesbian bookstore, cease to carry *Story of O*. WAVAW was "astounded and angered to learn that Giovanni's Room, which represents itself as a gay and feminist bookstore, carries as part of its standard stock...*The Story of O*." Alleging a message of "woman-hatred and abuse," they went on to ask, "How can a bookstore that calls itself feminist carry woman-hating material?" *off our backs*, May 1980, p. 12). Giovanni's Room held firm and continued to carry the book.

(3) Spring, 1981. *Sapphistry*, Pat Califia. Numerous feminist bookstores refused to carry the book. The feminist press expressed the sentiment behind such decisions in an orgy of self-righteous hostility. A few examples: "No woman who is involved in Sado-masochism is a feminist..." (*Big Mama Rag*, February 1981, p. 9). "We must not make the mistake of throwing away *all* morals.... It has always been wrong to engage in SEX just for sexual gratification, and it will always be wrong..." (*Sisters United*, 1981).

A year later, local right wingers attacked the Women's Studies Program at California State University at Long Beach because, among other things, *Sapphistry* was used as a textbook in one of the courses. "The books are so pornographic and filthy they are not quotable in this column...they advise women how to become lesbians and to engage in every type of perverted sex, including group sex, orgies, bestiality, sado-masochism, and bondage..." (Phyllis Schlafly, *Oklahoma City Times*).

(4) Winter, 1981. *Coming to Power*, Samois. Again, a Samois publication was so controversial that many feminist bookstores refused to stock it. *Big Mama Rag*, *Feminist Connection*, and old reliable *off our backs* all refused ads for the book.

(5) Summer, 1984. *How to Have Sex With Kids*, David Sonenschein. Giovanni's Room. Three Philadelphia lesbian feminists were so angry that Giovanni's Room stocked this pamphlet that they complained to local city councilwoman Joan Specter. She in turn notified the mass media. As a result, the bookstore has been picketed, windows smashed, and bomb threats have

been received. A congressional investigation is presently underway, headed by Specter's husband, U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter. Giovanni's Room removed the booklet from its shelves for study by its lawyers. The store then received a petition from local lesbians demanding that the store not carry any publication that is not "consistent with the principles of feminism." Many of the other publications on cross-generational sex are now under scrutiny (*Gay Community News*, August 18, 1984, pp. 8-11).

One of the women who started this wrote to Philadelphia's *Gay News* that she "was appalled by the public distribution of *all* pedophile advocacy publications, by any bookstore.... Personally, I want to see *all* pedophile advocacy material off all bookshelves..." (*ibid*, p. 10). By this logic, materials advocating execu-

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tion or castration of pedophiles would be permitted, yet pedophiles would be unable to explain their sexuality or defend themselves from malicious stereotypes. Remember that right-wing extremists hold similar views on "gay advocacy" materials.

(6) Summer, 1984. Several feminist bookstores have refused to stock *On Our Backs*, a new lesbian sex magazine. One store agreed to hand out subscription information, but would not sell the magazine. I would not be surprised if the other new lesbian sex publications have not encountered similar difficulties. At the Michigan Women's Music Festival, two Chicago feminists advertised for models for a new women's porn magazine. This led to a near riot at the festival.

Many feminists appear to think it is censorship when the Moral Majority attempts to suppress a book or magazine but good politics when the same thing is done in the name of feminism. Feminist book banning is characterized by hypocrisy and a self-serving double standard. When the Nazis burned books, they were just as self-righteous as feminist vigilantes. After all, they felt they were protecting women and children (from the alleged effects of "Jewish Bolshevism" and "degenerate" sexuality). When good twentieth-century feminists shoot out the windows of porn shops, call down the police on porn theatres, suppress the work of feminists with whom they do not agree, and agitate against the free exchange of ideas, they too think they are justified to "protect" women and children. They never consider themselves fascists.

The growing consensus between the women's movement and the right wing on pornography is a grave threat to our freedom of sexual expression. Over the last six years, some feminists and the political and religious right have been actively campaigning against the availability of explicitly erotic materials. The women's movement has generated new strategies and rationales for book banning which the right wing is all too happy to adopt. And at this point in United States history, the right is able to command the rather formidable powers of the government. This unholy alliance of feminist rhetoric and right-wing political clout is likely to create new and far-reaching forms of censorship.

While some feminists are horrified by the implications of the anti-porn movement for civil liberties, most believe porn itself is truly vile and dangerous. At best, it is thought to be something that a free society must reluctantly tolerate, in order to guarantee the continued availability of *off our backs* and *Our Bodies, Our Selves*. The basic assumptions of anti-porn ideology are rarely questioned.

Pornography is no more violent or gruesome than any other genre of mass media. It is certainly not uniformly good, well produced, artistically edifying or politically advanced. Much of it is crummy. Some is rather good. Some is politically objectionable, and some is politically progressive. Commercial erotica

does have its special problems, but these are mostly attributable to its marginal legal status and the stigma attached to sex in this society. We would have better porn if it were more legal and less stigmatized. Sex workers would be less vulnerable to exploitation and violence if sex work were legal and respectable. Feminists should be agitating for the de-criminalization of prostitution and pornography, not attempting to pass more stringent regulations. Women should be encouraged to get more involved in the production of sexual materials, instead of being told that feminism requires the destruction of the sex industry.

Every form of mass media in this society reflects mainstream values that are repugnant to progressives. There is at least as much violence and sexism and racism in movies, on television, on the best seller list,

and on the racks of pulp fiction as there is in porn. Yet we do not have groups called Women Against Film, Women Against TV or Women Against the Novel. Feminists have approached other media with the intention of changing them for the better, not eliminating them altogether. What distinguishes porn from these other media is the level of explicit sex, not the quality of political consciousness or the quantity of violence. How then has it become an unquestionable article of feminist faith that porn is especially violent and particularly responsible for the condition of women?

Every anti-porn presentation I have ever witnessed has shown a completely unrepresentative sample of porn to "prove" its violence. In the average porn shop, there are different racks containing material that appeals to different tastes. The vast majority of porn features ordinary heterosexual fucking, frontal nudity, or genital close-ups. There are usually sections that feature anal sex or oral sex. There used to be material featuring young or young-looking models, but recent witchhunts for "kiddie porn" and the laws they inspired have wiped out that genre. There is "lesbian" material designed to appeal to straight men. Some lesbians like it, some don't. Stores vary in how much they cater to minority sexual tastes. Gay male porn can sometimes be found in straight-oriented shops, and in major cities some shops primarily serve gay men. Gay male porn has its own subdivisions: youthful, physique, executive, and macho. The availability of bondage porn and transsexual porn varies. The general rule is, the less common the taste, the scarcer the material. For example, there are only two porn theatres in the Bay Area that specialize in bondage movies. But these two, the North Beach, and the Kearny, are always prominently mentioned in the local anti-porn literature. There is very little violence *per se* in porn, although anti-porn analysts often finesse this fact by categorizing all bondage material as violent.

Anti-porn analyses appear to assume that certain sexual practices or occupations are so inherently distasteful that no one would willingly perform them. These include anal sex, cock-sucking, bondage and S/M, group sex, working in the sex industry, and sometimes ordinary intercourse. A woman who freely engages in any of these activities, or who rejects anti-porn dogma, is thought to be coerced, brainwashed, an apologist of the patriarchy or a "social man." A woman who agrees that she has been coerced into one of these activities will be honored by anti-porners. The opinions of the rest of us are routinely discounted.

Anti-porn programs invariably include non-pornographic images to buttress their arguments. Record album covers and high fashion ads are not sexually explicit and cannot be considered pornography. It seems that porn is blamed for everything wrong with mass media, and that Calvin Klein ads are thought to be more evidence of its pernicious influence. This only makes sense if it is believed that sexism and sexist

representations somehow originate in pornography and migrate from their into the rest of the mass media. It is more sensible to remember that gender inequality is endemic to this society and is consequently reflected in all media, including pornography and advertising.

The implicit theory of causality in anti-porn analyses attributes to pornography a wildly exaggerated role in the creation and maintenance of female subordination. This makes mockery of feminist analysis. Rape, violence against women, the exploitation of women's labor and all the other manifestations of female subordination predate by millennia the emergence of commercial erotica in Western societies. All are found in societies that have nothing remotely resembling pornography. In fact, many of the societies that are the most overtly and radically oppressive to women also have the strongest legal, religious and social injunctions against sexual license in general and pornography in particular. The burdens of sexual purity are regularly born by women. By contrast, those societies which have commercial erotica are characterized by greater female autonomy. If there is any relationship between pornography and women's rights, it would appear to be a positive one.

Sometimes porn appears to be equated with the oppression of women itself. Instead of proving that porn is particularly bad, it is simply defined as whatever is objectionable, violent, sexist or misogynist. Then whenever something is violent, sexist or misogynist, it can be called pornography. This kind of circular reasoning is made easy by the semantics of the words "pornographic" and "obscene." In addition to their more specific applications, these words are also used to convey any kind of extreme disgust. War may be "obscene" and Reagan's policies "pornographic," but neither is customarily sold in adult bookstores. When the anti-porn movement chooses its targets, however, the more common meanings of pornography come back into play: adult bookstores, *Playboy*, explicitly sexual reading materials and videos.

From a buyer's perspective, the sex industry is male territory. The organization of the industry is such that while most sex workers are women, most owners, managers and consumers are men. Women are taught from an early age to fear porn shops, to avert our eyes from drug store magazine racks and to stay away from adult theaters. Since the consumption of commercial erotica is by and large a male privilege, women are often afraid, angry and resentful.

Most women who do not work in the industry are profoundly ignorant about the content of porn. The only positive result of the anti-porn movement is that it has gotten more women into porn shops. But it does so at a

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price: it intensifies their sexual discomfort rather than alleviating it. Contrary to popular opinion, representations of overt sex are not common in this society. When they are first encountered, they are shocking. The first time I saw pornography, I felt as much disgust as the most fanatic anti-porn crusader. But I looked again and realized that most of my reaction was due to anti-sex training. Anti-porn mobilization shamelessly exploits the shock value of these images. Commercial porn does not pretty up sex the way Hollywood movies do. There are few soft shots and little indirect lighting. In this society, we rarely see action sex rather than its usual metaphors and euphemisms. Most people consequently feel uncomfortable with how sex looks, and a bit ridiculous about how they must look when they do it. Anti-porn ideology manipulates these feelings and reinforces the message that unadorned sex is ugly, undignified and shameful.

Anti-porn ideology has used sexual anxiety and the stigma of porn to create a convenient scapegoat for women's vulnerabilities, fears and concerns. Anti-porn ideology promises an easy solution to more intractable

problems. Violence against women (and other socially disadvantaged groups) is deeply embedded in this culture. Wiping out porn would be relatively easy, but it would neither end violence against women nor improve women's status. Porn is a cheap target. In spite of inflated figures about the "multi-billion dollar" industry and the continued assertion that it is a dominant force in this society, the sex industry is relatively marginal both socially and legally. It's a hell of a lot easier to pass anti-porn legislation than it would be to shut down regular movie theaters, close mainstream bookstores or get rid of television. And it would be much harder to argue that eliminating books, movies or TV would be a victory for women's liberation.

Yet this lunatic theory is rapidly becoming legal fact. Ronald Reagan is establishing a new presidential commission on pornography with the aim of overturning the surprisingly sensible conclusions of Lyndon Johnson's commission. (Will the major anti-porn activists cooperate? They probably will, since the old commission has been one of their favorite targets.) Arlen Specter's Senate Subcommittee on Juvenile Justice began hearings this summer as a result of the controversy over the sale of nonpornographic pedophile materials at Giovanni's Room (see above). The scope of the hearings quickly expanded and they have now become a general forum on pornography at the federal level. Anti-porn activists Linda [Lovelace] Marchiano, Catherine MacKinnon and Andrea Dworkin have all gone to testify.

Reagan's right-wing bureaucrats are funding research to "prove" that pornography causes social harm. His justice department has given a grant of \$800,000 to Judith Reisman (a.k.a. Judith Bat-Ada), a contributor to *Take Back the Night* and *Against Sado-masochism*. According to a report by Larry Bush, Reisman contends that porn causes chemical changes in the body, which in turn are thought to contribute to "out of wedlock births...juvenile delinquency..." and "divorce, homosexuality, wife battery, and other indices which, while not being 'sex' crimes, do reflect heterosexual dysfunction of varying degrees" (*Village Voice*, March 20, 1984, p. 19).

The most alarming development is the recent spread of so-called "civil-rights" anti-porn legislation. These ordinances attempt to codify the dubious analysis of the anti-porn movement into law, backed by and enforceable with the full power of the legal system. The ordinances define pornography as a violation of the civil rights of women and empower individuals to bring civil suits. Although proponents claim such ordinances do not constitute censorship, these laws do use the state to

place a potent legal weapon in the hands of opponents of pornography. They pose a serious threat to the freedom to read, publish, produce or display sexual material.

The first of these "civil rights" anti-porn ordinances was passed earlier this year in Minneapolis by a liberal city council. The second was passed in Indianapolis by a right-wing city council and with the backing of local Moral Majoritarians. A version was recently introduced by a conservative legislator in Suffolk County, Long Island. The Suffolk County ordinance lists sodomy and "the disruption of the family unit" along with rape, acts of aggression against women and the economic exploitation of women among porn's ostensible deleterious effects. The elimination of sodomy and the restoration of the traditional family unit are not feminist goals. Yet when the representative of New York's Women Against Pornography (WAP) spoke at the hearing, she criticized the bill because it was not strong enough. She failed to denounce its homophobia or anti-feminism. Minneapolis-type ordinances are in various stages of consideration in New York, Los Angeles,

Detroit, Des Moines, Omaha, Columbus, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Madison.

The National Organization for Women (NOW) has passed a resolution declaring pornography a violation of the civil rights of women and children. Commenting on the NOW stance, Eleanor Smeal notes that Phyllis Schlafly spoke glowingly of this same "civil rights" approach in her June 1984 newsletter. Smeal says, "NOW and Phyllis Schlafly are agreeing on a political issue? This alone would mandate a look at the drive to eliminate pornography as an instrument to oppress women. . . . Feminists and anti-feminists are working together on an issue for the first time" (*Eleanor Smeal Report*, July 31, 1984, p. 1). Phyllis Schlafly is anti-feminist, anti-abortion, anti-gay and played a major role in the defeat of the Equal Rights Amendment. It is appalling that Smeal is so uncritically delighted to be in her company.

In twenty years or so, all of us, our children, and our cultural heirs will be struggling to get rid of the burdensome legacy of the anti-porn movement and the legislation it has so eagerly sought. The feminist anti-porn movement has set in motion a process it cannot control. Feminist anti-porn politics have already escaped from the women's movement. Analyses that used to exist only in arcane feminist journals are now common among right wingers and are being institutionalized as law and public policy. Only the thick-headed, historically ignorant, sexually bigoted and short sighted attitudes that are predominant in so much of the women's movement these days could blind people to the impending consequences of this disastrous strategy. Even if every anti-porn feminist were to wake up tomorrow and recant, they would be unable to stop the right from pursuing its own anti-porn, anti-sex, anti-gay, anti-abortion and anti-feminist program. Unfortunately, I do not anticipate such a mass conversion. It is far more likely that anti-porn feminists will continue to go to bed with the reactionaries. Most anti-porn feminists seem unwilling to even criticize the agenda of their right-wing allies, and many appear to bask in the naive belief that they can "use" the right for feminist purposes. History makes fools of us all. But some are going to look a lot more foolish than others.

The are, however, some encouraging developments. The anti-porn position has lost its hegemonic grip on feminist opinion. The scattered pro-sex resistance is finally becoming an organized force within the women's movement. Earlier this year, feminist women who worked at an adult theater in Berkeley, California, staged a demonstration to protest anti-porn harassment of the theater. They were joined by other sex workers, feminists opposed to anti-porn politics, and members of the local sex education community. (Anti-porn activists came to heckle the demonstrators and screamed "fucking whores" and "sluts" at the women on the picket line. Their use of these words as epithets is an index of an appallingly low level of feminist awareness.)

After years of censorship of sexual material and dissident sexual opinion by the feminist press, a new lesbian and feminist sex press has emerged in the last year. The Suffolk County ordinance sparked the recent formation of the Feminist Anti-Censorship Taskforce (FACT) in New York City. FACT intends to coordinate feminist opposition to anti-porn legislation. Pro-sex feminist groups are coalescing in other cities, including Chicago and San Francisco. Ironically, the need to mobilize against the new "civil rights anti-porn" laws (CRAP) is bringing about new organizations and alliances.

Feminist opposition is belatedly joining with more traditional civil liberties and anti-censorship groups outside the women's movement. The American Booksellers Association (ABA) and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) spearheaded a successful court challenge to the Indianapolis law. In November, Federal District Court Judge Sara Evans Barker ruled the ordinance unconstitutional.

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Women Act Out on Film

By Michael Bronski

In the beginning there was "Hunks," an enormously successful film festival at Harvard Square's Brattle Theater which featured male pulchritude (and pectorals) from Europe and Hollywood. Gender parity being the order of the day, the current offering is entitled "Tough Cookies." And while "Hunks" prompted some insight into the gradual evolution of male images in American culture — especially centered around the physical and the emotional — "Tough Cookies" is a whole other package of sweets.

The flip side of "Hunks" should have been "Beauties"; Hollywood has always been full of beautiful women spread across the screen to tempt men and censors. But the notion of beauty has always remained a rather stagnant

commodity in the dream factory; love goddesses were formed by a collection of parts: hair, breast, legs, mouth. In the history of these actresses there is no evolution, just a steady stream of bodies whose hair and hem length changed as Dame Fashion and the studio bosses dictated. While "Beauty" is certainly a staple of Hollywood iconography, there is another woman, the "Tough Cookie," who more accurately charts the changes in gender and sexual perceptions of women in American popular culture.

which has usually presented women as delicate girls (Mary Pickford or Lillian Gish) or sinful sexpots (Theda Bara) the independent, *willful* woman was a revelation.

These are women who know they have to make it on their own. "Home is where you go when you run out of other places," says Barbara Stanwyck in *Clash By Night* (1952) as she puts out her freshly lit cigarette in her freshly poured cup of coffee. They can't rely on the law to protect them or to right wrongs. "I'll get you if I have to

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Butch goddess Dietrich: tough, but no cookie

In over 30 films — mostly Hollywood productions, with some European entries — we can see the emergence of the tough cookie: the savvy, witty, stylish, no nonsense woman in movies. But looking over the scheduled films, several things become apparent. First of all, the tough cookie is American. There are a few European women here but they don't really fit in. Even the indomitable Marlene Dietrich is slightly wrong here. Her Lola in *The Blue Angel* has little emotional punch beyond being evil incarnate; her working-woman-as-chanteuse in *Blonde Venus* carries with it too much of the transcendent quality which leaves her a goddess no matter how tough she is.

Not only is the tough cookie American, she is also the product of a specific time and place: the late 1930s to the end of the next decade, and generally on the fringes of what is usually thought of as "nice, polite" society. *His Girl Friday* (1940) has Roz Russell as a fast talking, fast thinking crack reporter who gets to keep her man and her job. Barbara Stanwyck is an unhappily married woman with a murderous present in *Double Indemnity* (1944) and a dirty mouthed, slang-slinging stripper in *Ball of Fire* (1941).

The tough cookie is generally not what is called a "nice girl." She may be a murderer, a prostitute, a black-mailer, a home-wrecker, a career woman who will succeed at any cost. But as opposed to other women characters with the same inclinations, these women are not viewed with pity or derision. And more importantly, they have not embarked on these endeavors through moral faults, emotional weakness or psychological flaws: they have, almost to the last one, acted the way they have as an act of self exertion and self-definition. In an industry

come back from the grave to do it," screams Bette Davis in *Marked Woman* (1937) from the witness stand to the gangster who has killed her sister. They have no need for male chivalry. When Cary Grant asks if he can hold Mae's hand in *She Done Him Wrong*, the unflappable West replies, "No thanks, I can hold it myself." But some are not that polite in fending off advances. "Do you need a drink?" oils Robert Ryan to the disinterested Stanwyck in *Clash By Night*; "Let's say that's what I need," she sneers back.

The popular American imagination has always been obsessed with men who could make it on their own with sheer force of will power, instinctual know-how and inventiveness. In most of these films, women have taken over these qualities, and even though they engage in what is usually called "criminal activities," the films themselves evidence much more respect of them than judgment. This was a transitional period of American culture. After a post-First World War period of isolationism and tranquility, the country began gearing up for another fight; women were taming a new place in the society, finding new options which would be abruptly taken away from them a decade later. These films revel in the self-sufficiency and the strength the characters show. Sure, murderers get punished but these films are celebrations, not morality plays.

All of this sociological speculation aside, the really wonderful part of the tough cookie festival is not the characters, but the women who play them. Not before, or since, has there been such bravura acting. Full blown, open and filled with nuance, these women have the energy and style that resembles opera divas rather than conven-

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tional actresses. There is a range in style and temperament here which closely parallels the changes from a lyric soprano, through the leg-geiro, the spinto and finally the dramatic soprano. The opera metaphor is further sustained when you think of the sometimes second-rate material and improbable plotting that these women make emotionally plausible and frighteningly real.

The patrician bearing and social affect of Katharine Hepburn make her the perfect lyric in *Stage Door's* (1937) drama and in the pseudo-feminist romantic puff of *A Woman Rebels* (1936). Russell toes this line but brings some weight to it with her more naked energy and drive in *His Girl Friday*. The now almost forgotten Gloria Graham put rough edges on this same instrument. She was a little coarser, a little more pushy and shrill — all qualities in her favor. In the extraordinarily violent *The Big Heat*, she plays a moll who has an ongoing relationship with hot coffee flung across kitchen tables. She cuts through some of the polite veneer of Hepburn and Russell and gets to a deeper, more basic emotion. Bette Davis — in any of the films shown here, *All About Eve*, *Marked Woman*, *Of Human Bondage* — takes that energy, intensifies and purifies it. Technically a better actress than Graham, she fuses drive and character in such a way that we are almost unable to separate the character from the actress, the persona from the art.

Finally there is the dramatic soprano with the emotional weight, technical ability and verve to confront us with characters and situations which no matter how silly or outlandish, evil or just plain weird, are riveting and explosive.



Stanwyck engages in some light conversation with two male leads.

Both Stanwyck and Lupino make their films the way no one else could. Whether in comedy like *Ball of Fire* or psycho-noir like *The Strange Loves of Martha Ivers*, Stanwyck brings her own brand of strength here that is missing from most other American actresses, a strength which combines wit, intelligence and a strong constitution. She is what some opera buffs might call a "heroic dramatic"; through sheer force of will she could overcome anything from a high C to a battalion of cops surrounding her house. You have the feeling she could wipe out any

adversary with one well placed glare from those eyes. Lupino, on the other hand, has the same will but displays it with less force. She has social charms that are more evident, especially in *Road House* and *The Man I Love*. But even though she may down-play the energy, Lupino is clearly in charge of her own sexuality and determined to keep her autonomy — she is generally so strong it is hardly ever threatened.

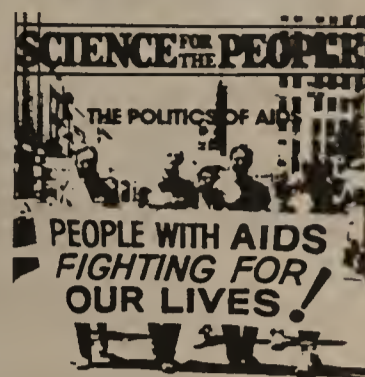
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porn wars are over. Supporters of the bill immediately declared their intention to appeal. The Supreme Court is moving steadily to the right, and the entire federal court system is increasingly populated by Reagan appointees. There is no telling what may happen as the ordinance proceeds through our ever more right-wing federal courts. Moreover, feminist and right-wing mobilization against pornography is too entrenched to simply fade away because of a set-back in court. If the decision against the Indianapolis measure is upheld, there will certainly be new attempts to generate a more successful legislation strategy.

Every progressive individual, organization and institution in the country should be clearly and strongly opposed to such anti-porn initiatives. We need coalitions that can fight against assaults on our civil liberties and sexual

freedoms. Many groups have either politics or self-interests which have the potential to bring them into alliance. These include feminists, gay activists, progressives, anti-censorship groups, radical attorneys, the publishing industry, the reproductive rights movement, sexual minorities, the sex industry (including both workers and owners of sex businesses), gay bathhouse owners and patrons, writers and sex educators. The Moral Majority would surely consider such a federation to be the vanguard of the Apocalypse, but it remains to be seen whether any of these disparate groups can find their common ground. Struggle over sexual conduct and sexual representation will continue into the foreseeable future. We must be better prepared for the next round.

I wish to thank Jeanne Bergman for the skill and generosity of her editorial assistance.

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women's history and great acting, they are milestones against which we can measure where we are, how far we have come, and what is still possible. Although the images of women in these films are sometimes mixed, the strength and energy has never been matched in

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I promised a poem this week to make your blood run hot so I sure hope I can tweek your very special spot

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For Crying Out Loud, newsletter by and for women survivors of child sexual abuse, announces publication of its 3rd issue. For info or subscription (4 issues for \$5), or to submit letters, other writings or graphics, please write Survivors Newsletter Collective, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant Street, Cambridge, MA 02139.

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LF 30 + 2 cats seek LF 25+ to share 2 br apt in JP \$175/mo + utilities. No more pets please. Leave message 522-8068. Available after Jan. 15.

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Apt. in Centrai Sq, Camb. 160 mo. plus utilities GM seeking G or L to share apt. Call Tom at 492-1617 for Jan. 1 or earlier. (23)

2 L in Watertown looking for 1 more for 3 bedroom apt 2 blocks frm MBTA. \$167/month + util. Avail Dec 15. Call Pat 924-1609 before 3pm or T/W nite.

LF, 40, needs roommate who really likes animals, for lge, sunny apt w/ access to T. No heavy alc., drug use. Call Halek, wk: 1-369-5458, h: 524-4744. (23)

HOUSEMATES

2women 1L, 1?, sk 3rd to join our feminist, coop, veg. home in J.P. for Jan 1. Nr Arboretum, gr + or T. Have dog, pets ok. Resp., politic. aware, fun women pis. Call 522-5765. (24)

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LF, 31, seeks apt. w/other LF's. Non-smoker, artist, activist, looking for clean, friendly home close to T. Hoping to live in JP, but willing to look around. 524-8587 eves or am.

APARTMENTS

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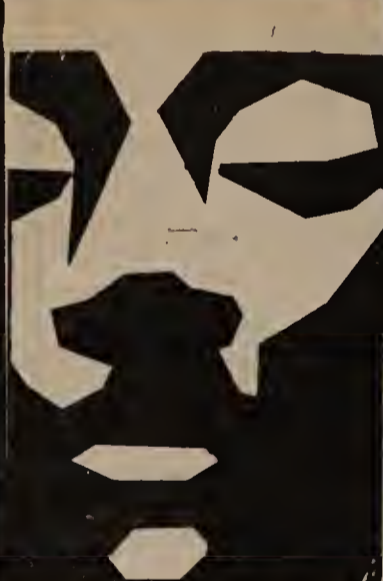
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I'm 23 and my hobbies include racquet ball, skating, and interior decorating. I'd like to correspond with women and men. Sandra FREEMAN, PO Box 3535, Norco CA 91760.

Black female, Aries, interested in meeting someone nice. Joyce JOHNSON, 18006 HB755L, Frontera CA 91720.



GCN GAY AND LESBIAN PRISONER PROJECT

We send free papers, books (when they are donated and when money for postage is donated) and run free penpal ads. (There's sometimes a long waiting list because of limited space.) Little by little as we get more volunteer labor power we'll be looking for other ways to support lesbians and gay men behind bars. If you can help with your time or a contribution (of money or paperbacks), please send to Gay and Lesbian Prisoner Project, c/o GCN, 167 Tremont St., 5th Fl., Boston, MA 02111. Thanks!

Publications FREE to women

Through the Looking Glass (women's prison newsletter), Box 22061, Seattle WA 98122.

- The Second Wave (a magazine of ongoing feminism), Box 344, Cambridge A, Cambridge MA 02139.

- New Women's Times, 864 Melgs St., Rochester NY 14620.

- Sister Source (midwest lesbian feminist newsletter), PO Box 14070, Chicago IL 60614.

- Common Lives/Lesbian Lives (can be mailed in envelope with return address "Common Lives"), Box 1553, Iowa City IA 52244.

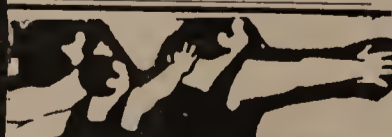
- Big Mama Rag, 1724 Gaylord, Denver CO 80206.

- Off Our Backs, 1724 20th St, Wash DC 20009.

- Sinister Wisdom (a journal for the lesbian imagination in all women), PO Box 660, Amherst MA 01004.

- Matrix, PO Box 722, Olympia WA 98507.

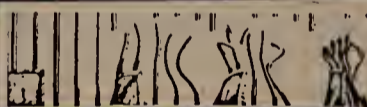
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WANTED: TS, fem GM, or BiF for correspondence. Must be mature, open-minded, and slightly kinky. I am intelligent, sometimes arrogant, sometimes insecure. I need help doing this last four years. James SMITH, 90563 Rain 3, Rt 2 Box 500, Angie LA 70426.

Prisoners Seeking Friends

BUILDING MORE PRISONS TO CURE "CRIME" IS LIKE BUILDING MORE TOILETS TO CURE DIARRHEA...



PRISONERS! We want to put together something on how things inside the prison walls are a reflection of attitudes and feelings outside: prisoners come inside carrying their outside ideas and hopes (desperations) with them, administration people keep tabs on outside attitudes toward 'crime' to see how much they can get away with, etc. etc. If you want to help, send us your ideas and experiences about this 'inside-outside connection'. THANKS!



BLACK AND WHITE MEN TOGETHER: Is an Interracial, intercultural gay men's organization with over 30 chapters. They provide social, political, and educational programs. For more info write: IA-BWM7, 584 Castro St., San Francisco CA 94114.

Attention Prisoners!!!

The Blackheart Collective has just put out its PRISON ISSUE, writings and graphics by black gay men in prison. If you want a copy please write the GCN Prisoner Project. Also, they are looking for submissions for their next issue, which will feature prose, narrative poetry, illustrations and essays focussed on the lives of black gay men — past, present and future. Send to Blackheart Collective, PO Box 1420, NYC 10027.

HELP!!! BOOKS!!!

Please consider sending or dropping by GCN (167 Tremont, Boston 02111; on the Common) your already read gay books (fiction or nonfiction). Prisoners really do get a lot out of them and we'll be glad to send them in. Thanks. (We won't refuse donations for postage; but will be glad to get just books!)

I am looking for some gay penpals to share my fantasies with and for some fulfilling conversation. I realize that because of my situation and of attitudes in the society it is hard to believe me sincere. I enjoy reading, writing poetry, music, singing, sex and ice cream. Harold BRITT, 076824, MHU C-41, PO Box 221, Raiford FL 32083.

I love sports to keep in perfect health and shape, and to be alone with the person I love. I also love eating good food. Timothy LEWIS, 25282, PO Box 473, Westville IN 46391.

Here's PAUL from GA, still in Texas. Just wanted to wish Richard, Perry & Jim, and Candy a Merry Xmas. Thanks for making mine brighter. Paul Shields.

32 yr old gay male (look 22). Top physical shape. Trades in back of him. Out soon. Very smart in the business world; Legal of course. Like fishing, outdoor life, 1 to 1 relationship. No ripoff artists please. Tim GRIMALDI, 110/3, PO Box 607, Carson City NV 89701.

Blue eyes, seeking gay male to correspond with. I love to write and meet people. My interests are horses, running, music, workout and being happy. Michael BLAIR, 741966 F-20, PO Box 221, Raiford FL 32083.

Soon to be released. Looking for friends in the Mass. area. Let me know someone cares. Michael YOUNG, 20121, Box 41, Michigan City IN 46360.

Black, gay, 25, been down 6½ yrs. Would like to meet and correspond with other for real gays in the outside world that knows how it feels to be without family or friends. 'Boojack'. John ROYAL, 117208, Box 500, Boydton VA 23917.

Very masculine bisexual also very lonely and wishes to correspond with understanding people. Seeking a special relationship with mature gay person. Danny Goforth, 032929, PO Box 747, Starke FL 32091.



"DEAR PEN PAL"

I have brown hair and like music, sports traveling. Fred KIDD, 043261, Box 158, Lowell FL 32663.

Lonely incarcerated young man seeking correspondence from anyone who desires a true friend. I'm a very sincere person and I trust all walks of life. Vernon SULLEN, 165-892, Box 45699, Lucasville OH 45699.

I love music. It's my way of life. I'm studying music theory. I play percussion instruments and saxophone. With all this I am still lonely for a friend. Willie HINES, 042991, Box 221, Raiford FL 32083.

BM looking for any race fem type GM. Age is no barrier. Arthur JONES, C-2, 12-3 GSP, Reidsville GA 30499.

Incarcerated Italian male, emotional and warm, looking for that sincere honest trusting relationship not found in prison. I am also passive. Bobby MONROE, D/C 625825, Box 158, Lowell FL 32663.

Hello, I'd like to hear from all prisoners, gay or not, and others too. Byron STEVENS, Box 215, Maury NC 28554.

GM in for property crime. Would like contact. Kirk BRYAN, 286841, Box 520, Walla Walla WA 99362.



CALENDAR

December 15 to December 31

15 saturday

Cambridge — Angry Arts Films: *The Story of Chaim Rumkowski and the Jews of Lodz*; 7:30PM, YWCA, 7 Temple St. \$2.75 suggested donation. Also showing on Sunday.



Holliston — Tri-County Association Holiday Potluck at Cliff and Dave's. Info: 429-6593.

Jamaica Plain — Fundraising Party for the Venceremos Brigade, a Cuba Solidarity organization; 5 Copley St. (near Egleston Station). 9PM. \$3. Information, music, refreshments.

Boston — Sojourner benefit with Kate Clinton, Betsy Rose and Susan Abod. 2PM at Greystone's, 8 Kingston St. Tickets: \$7. Benefit brunch at 11:30AM, \$12 total. Info: 661-3567.

Randolph — Somerville/Medford Gay and Lesbian Alliance Holiday Ball and dinner to benefit the AIDS Action Committee. 5PM at Randolph Country Club. \$20 per person. Info: 625-3172, 628-5875.

Boston — "Homefires," a Chanukah concert; Boston Univ. Concert Hall, 855 Commonwealth Ave. 4PM. \$7 general, \$4 students and seniors, \$1 more at door. Info: Lori Schulman, 353-4428.*

17 monday

Boston — "Musically Speaking" celebrates Chanukah; WMBR 88.1 FM. 8-10PM.

Boston — Lesbian & Gay Bridge Group Beginning/intermediate level rubber bridge. 6:30-9PM. Info: 864-9596.

Boston — Leaderless support/social group for lesbians over 30. Info: 783-0204 or 738-4260.

18 tuesday

Cambridge — "Cancer: Beyond Despair to Empowerment," an experiential workshop with Grace Rossein and Tova Green; D.O.B., Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. 8PM. \$1. Info: 661-3633.

Cambridge — Amethyst Women's Winter Solstice Celebration with potluck food and dancing. 8PM, Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass Ave. A drug- and alcohol-free event for women. Child care provided. \$4 more or less.

Boston — GCN VOLUNTEER NIGHT!!! Come help send out the paper to our subscribers. Refreshments and good times. Come anytime after 6PM to 167 Tremont Street, 5th Floor (near Boylston and Park Street "T" stops). If the door is locked, buzz us on the GCN intercom located outside the front door.

22 saturday

Boston — Am Tikvah Chanukah Party: Hill House, 74 Joy St. 8PM. Klezmer Band, dancing, singing and games. Bring menorahs, scarves and food. \$5. Info: Christy, 628-9882.

Cambridge — Off the Wall Cinema's 10th Anniversary! "When Comedy Was King," 3PM; "Gold Rush," 5PM; "nothing sacred," 7PM; and "Comedy Classics," 8:30PM. 15 Pearl St. Info: 547-5255.

23 sunday

Boston — "Forbidden Broadway" performance to benefit Oxfam America's Ethiopian Famine Relief Program; Performance preceded by brunch at noon. Park Plaza Hotel. Performance begins at 1:30PM. \$64.50. Info: 357-8384.

31 monday

Cambridge — Amethyst Women's New Year's Dance. 9PM-1AM at First Church Congregational, 11 Garden St. \$5 more or less. Free childcare. A drug- and alcohol-free event.

Notes

local niches

The Boston Area Women's Self Defense Collective offers a women's self defense class two times a week based mainly on a Tae Kwon Do style of karate; they also study boxing, street fighting, and other self defense techniques. The class is non-competitive and non-ranked. New women may join the class at any time. Currently, the cost is about \$3.00 per class and scholarship money is available. The collective is open to talking with any woman with physical disabilities about ways to make the class accessible to her. The class will work with mothers to arrange and provide for childcare if they have advance notice. For information about the class or other projects, call: 547-2874, 628-3973, or 776-5924; or write: Boston Area Women's Self Defense Collective c/o 137 Tremont Street, Cambridge, MA 02139.

To begin its fifth year, The Gay Professional Men's Group has established a new charter and adopted a new name, **The Greater Boston Gay Men's Association**. While the group had initially focused on the relationship between the personal and career identities of its members, in recent years it has focused more on the total lives of gay men and has provided a broad range of educational and entertaining programs for its members. Said spokesman Joel Goldstein, "Although we have always tried to make a diverse group of men comfortable as members, we have gotten the feedback that the use of 'professional' in our former name intimidated some people. Our new name, we hope, reflects the more diverse nature of our members who we could characterize as mature, involved and interested in education."

The current membership numbers 200 men and somewhere in the vicinity of 1500 men have attended at least one or two meetings over the past few years. The group has donated hundreds of dollars to other gay groups, speakers and community organizations. For more information, write GBGMA at Box 1932, Boston, MA 02105.

Wild Women of D.O.B. is a new outing club for women at all levels of experience, especially beginners. We are already organizing day trips of biking, canoeing, cross-country skiing and hiking. If you've always wanted to try your hand at something new, here's your chance! And experienced women are invited both to join and share their expertise and ideas with the group. For more information about joining and/or leading, call Mimi at 492-0504.

Chiltern Mountain Club is a New England outdoor activity organization with a predominantly gay male and lesbian membership. The five hundred members sponsor events which range from a day's canoeing on the Charles to mountain climbing expeditions in the Himalayas and include levels from beginner through advanced. Other activities include bicycling, skiing, hiking, tennis, volleyball, birding and many others. For more information and the current newsletter, write: Box 104-GL, 104 Charles Street, Boston, MA 02114. For trip info call Bob Bland (266-3812) or Linda Watson (734-4066).



Boston — New England Day of Solidarity with the Arizona Copper Strikers. Demonstration at First Boston Corp. (corner Franklin & Federal Sts.), noon; Rally at the Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury St., 2PM.

Boston — "Working" presented by the Newbury Street Theater; 565 Boylston St., Copley Square. 8PM. \$5. Reservations: 437-0517.

16 sunday

Cambridge — Caroling with the Wild Women of D.O.B.! Daughters of Bilitis, 1151 Mass. Ave., Old Cambridge Baptist Church. 2PM. All women welcome. Info: 661-3633.

Boston — Rainbow Coalition Lesbian & Gay Constituency gathering with Central American focus. David Scondras will speak. 2PM. Info: Catherine or Malkah, 364-5938.

Boston — "Nicaragua: A Correspondent's View," with Stephen Kinzer; the Community Church of Boston, Morse Aud., 602 Commonwealth Ave. 11AM.

Boston — Greek potluck supper with the Ionian Society at 7PM. Info: 625-3172.

Boston — PAM/APC Organizing Meeting for the Demonstration Against Reagan's Inauguration; Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury St. 7:30PM. Info: 424-1176.

20 thursday

Boston — Gay Community News always needs help on production night when articles are proofread and pasted up. If you've done proofreading or layout and would like to volunteer, stop by 167 Tremont St. 5th Floor (5-8pm for proofing, 7:30-11pm for layout). Come help out GCN and read tomorrow's news today.

21 friday

Jamaica Plain — Women's Chanukah Party Potluck; Bring food, menorahs, candles, dreidels and board games. Drug- and alcohol-free. 7PM at 72 Parkton Rd., 3rd floor. Info: 522-2626.

24 monday

Boston — Lesbian & Gay Pride Logo Contest Deadline. Send artwork and/or typed slogan to P.O. Box 8916, Boston, MA 02114-8916.

Boston — Men's Rose Chodesh Potluck Dinner; Hill House, 74 Joy St., 7:30PM. Bring dairy-veggie dish and menorah. Info: Am Tikva, 782-8894.

29 saturday

Dorchester — Gay and Lesbian Alliance Winter Wonderland Party; 62 Roslin St. 8PM. BYOB &/or favorite dessert. Info: Terry, 436-1538 or Will, 265-0348.

30 sunday

Provincetown — Kwanza Celebration at the Provincetown Art Association, 460 Commercial St. 7-10PM. Bring songs, stories, art, crafts, food or drink to help with this traditional West African celebration. Free. Info: 487-1498 or 487-4226.

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